emigrant labour have recently been received by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against these recruiting agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Weak Signals from TV Centres in Orissa

1672. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the T.V. Centres in Orissa transmit weak signals to various places like Koraput, Rourkela and Sambalpur,

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve transmission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The TV transmitters installed in Orissa are generally functioning satisfactorily. However, some areas within the nominal service range of the transmitters installed especially at Koraput and Rourkela do not get coverage as these fall in the shadow zones created by the local hilly terrain.

(c) Whereas provision of TV coverage in the uncovered areas falling within the nominal service range of Koraput transmitter would depend upon future availability of resources, it has been decided, in principle, to shift the Rourkela transmitter to an alternate site for providing wider coverage if the State Government makes available a suitable building & other infra-structural facilities.

Request of Orissa Government for more T.V. transmitters

1673. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Orissa Government to provide seven TV transmitters in view of backwardness and high percentage of illiteracy in the State;

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A low power TV transmitter is under implementation at Bhavanipatna and would be commissioned during 1985-86. Setting up of additional transmitters in Orissa would depend upon the actual availability of resources during the VII Plan period.

Population covered by TV in Gujarat

1674. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cities and villages alongwith percentage of population which is covered by TV in Gujarat, and what are the figures separately for Saurashtra region;

(b) whether any new relay centres are to be opened in Gujarat during the current year and the Seventh Five-Year Plan period;

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal to strengthen the relay centres; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Whereas no formal survey to identify the cities/villages actually receiving TV coverage has been undertaken, it is estimated that about 79 per cent of population of Saurashtra region is covered by TV service as against the average of 69 per cent for Gujarat State.

(b) The setting up of a Low Power Transmitter at Bhuj is under implementation. The schemes for further expansion of TV network in the country during the VII Five Year Plan have not as yet been finalised as the shape of the plan is yet to be determined.

(c) and (d) Whereas the augmentation of the TV transmitter at Dwarka to 10 KW power is under implementation, there is no other approved scheme at present for augmentation of the power of other existing TV transmitters in Gujarat.

Statistics of Industrial Disputes in the Country

1675. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the latest available statistics of industrial disputes in the country as a whole and also in Gujarat regarding number of strikes and lock-outs workers involvment, candays lost due to strikes during the last three years; and

(b) whether Government are considering to enact legislation to reduce industrial disputes in major esablishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) Information in respect of number of strikes, lockouts and workers affected and number of mandays-lost due to strikes in Gujarat and in the country during 1982—84 is given in the statement attached.

(b) Investigation and settlement of industrial disputes including regulation of strikes, lockouts and closures in industrial establishment are being dealt with under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 as amended from time to time.